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SUBJECT: LAOS--LABOR UNREST IN VIENTIANE

A STRIKE BY THE LOCAL GUARD FORCE ASSIGNED TO PROTECT VARIOUS US INSTALLATIONS IS IN ITS SECOND DAY. THE STRIKERS, WHO ARE DEMANDING HIGHER WAGES AND MORE FRINGE BENEFITS, HAVE OCCUPIED THE GSO COMPOUND AND PART OF AN AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND. TWO US MISSION OFFICIALS ARE BEING DETAINED BY STRIKERS--WHO NUMBER AT LEAST 250.

THE US EMBASSY HAS INDICATED IT IS PREPARED TO MEET THE GUARDS' DEMANDS IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER. ANOTHER ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GUARDS IS TO BE HELD LATER TODAY AT THE EMBASSY. ONE OF PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA'S SONS HAS INVOLVED

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HIMSELF IN THE MATTER IN A BID TO KEEP THINGS CALM.

THE STRIKERS' SPOKESMAN HAS BEEN DENOUNCING "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" AND APPEARS INTENT UPON KEEPING THE GUARDS STIRRED UP. IN THE MEANTIME, MIXED PATHET LAO AND VIENTIANE-SIDE TROOPS ARE BEGINNING TO ASSUME GUARD DUTIES AT US INSTALLATIONS.

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